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c. 1884

William and Ann Maria Moore House (Site)  
Jerusalem Community  
Private

This handsome two story frame house was one of the most prominent houses in the Jerusalem community. It was the home of one of the founding families of the community, the Moores. Like other houses of more prosperous black families, it contained two rooms down and two up, with a cross gable pediment accenting the roof line. Unlike them, its four bay facade contained two doors, each leading into one of the rooms downstairs. Next to the house stood a one story log house with one room down and one up. It was the home first constructed by the family.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The William H. and Ann Maria Moore House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER North side of Jerusalem Church Rd.

CITY, TOWN Poolesville / ☒ VICINITY OF Jerusalem CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

STATE Md. COUNTY Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Milton E. and Edeltraud Moore

Telephone #: NOT LISTED

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 143

CITY, TOWN POOLESVILLE VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Land Records, Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 4692 Property map: CU 31 P. 770  
Folio #: 530 P. 825

STREET &amp; NUMBER County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This handsome two story frame house stood on the north side of the Jerusalem Church Road and was oriented to the south. Its gable roof ran east-west.

The frame of the house was covered with weatherboards. The roof line was accented by a cross gable pediment with a small rectangular window. The facade of the house contained two doors near the center, each leading into one of the rooms downstairs. Each was flanked on one side by a window with double hung sash, containing two over two panes. Above each of these was a window of similar design. In the east gable end, there was a window for each floor, and in the rear length, a door centrally located, with a window to the east. The upstairs had two windows in the back.

The interior contained two rooms down and two up, like most of the frame houses in the vicinity. According to William Moore, the grandson of the original owner of this house, the west room in the downstairs was the sitting room and dining room, while the east room was the kitchen and the place for family work and gathering. The kitchen had a large wood cook stove, which was piped into a central chimney. The sitting room was warmed by a smaller heat stove. The two bedrooms upstairs were also heated by similar stoves. A narrow quarter turn stairs ascended along the back wall of the kitchen to the rooms above.

Outside, according to William Moore, there was a meat house behind the dwelling, a hen house, and a privy. Further was a hog pen. East of the house was a large vegetable garden. There was also a large apple orchard. Some of the produce of the garden, such as cabbage, were preserved in vegetable kilns outside, and potatoes and apples were bedded in straw in separate bins in the cellar.

Note: William Moore adds that there was a small log house next to the larger frame dwelling and that this home was the first built by the Moore family. It was one story in height, and contained one room down and one up, and resembled the Frank Dorsey house, the ruins of which were photographed as part of this survey.

Moore also adds that this large frame house was painted gray.

Note: Oral History re: William Moore

According to his grandson, William Moore was born during slavery but escaped to serve in the Union Army. He says that his grandfather told him that he tended to the cattle of the army and told stories of how he had to swim the cattle across broad rivers, and that the soldiers taught him to swim so he could manage the cattle. Since Moore was born in 1854 according to the 1900 census, he would have been about ten years old at the time.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
—1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
—1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
—1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

*Black History*

SPECIFIC DATES

*C. 1884 And early 1900's.*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to deed, JA 5/298, this tract of approximately 6 acres was purchased by Ann Maria Moore from Leonidas and Elizabeth Jones in 1884. Jones had received the land from the division of the estate of John A. Chiswell. The house was probably built at this time, though because the house no longer stands, an investigation was not possible. According to family tradition, this house was built as the residence of William Moore, and his wife Ann Maria. William Moore recalls that his grandmother, Maria, worked for the Jones family. The tracts purchased by Ann Maria Moore have been divided since the time of purchase in 1884. Today, they are CU 31, parcels 770, 825, 905, 821, and 854, on the county property tax maps. They totalled roughly seven acres and would have constituted one of the large holding in the Jerusalem and Jonesville communities.

This house is representative of the type built by the more prosperous and house-conscious Black families in rural Maryland in the later decades of the 19th centuries. Some landowning families continued to build either log houses in the traditional manner or a smaller frame dwelling, such as the William H. Dorsey home on the adjacent tract (of the same decade). But the size and design of this house makes more of a statement of progress than do the other two types.

Fortunately, a photograph of this house has been located and has been re-photographed as part of this survey. Oral history related to the way of life of the residents is also available from the descendants of the Moore family, William M. and Charles Moore, who live today either in Jerusalem or nearby.

Note: The recollection of William Moore that there was a log house next to this one and that it served as the first home of the family alters the proposed date of the frame house. Instead of c. 1884, it was probably built in the early 1900's. William Moore was born in 1910 and recalls that the house was built before his birth. As with the Clark family homestead in Jerusalem, we see the transition from log to frame construction, a trend similar to that found in frontier communities.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Oral interviews with William and Cora Moore, Jerusalem community, October, 1978 by George McDaniel
- 2) Land Records, County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

Sept. 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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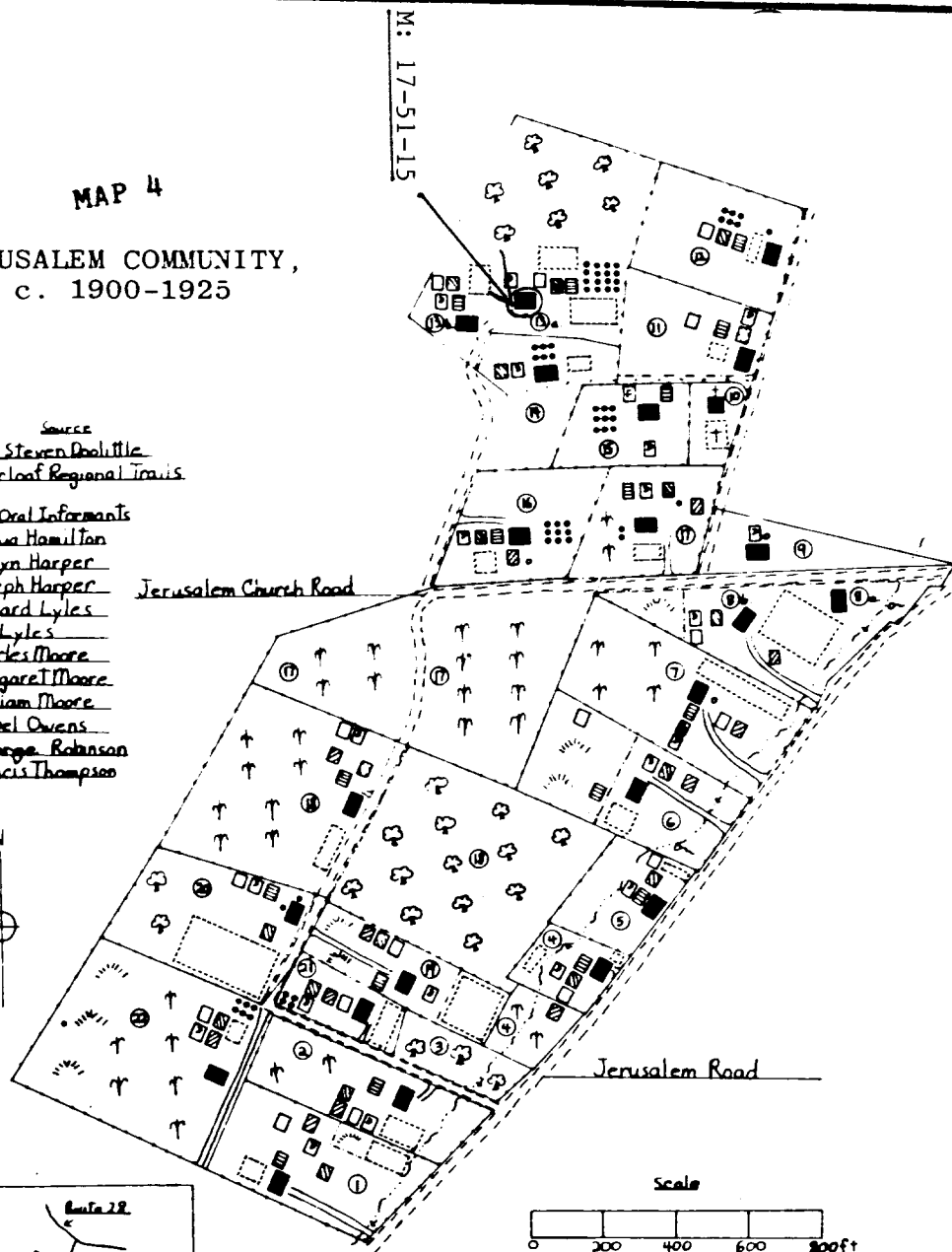
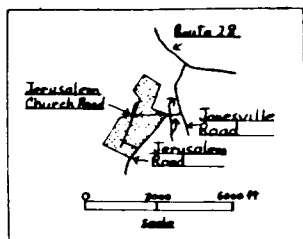
SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS

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MAP 4  
JERUSALEM COMMUNITY,  
c. 1900-1925

Source  
Steven Abolittle  
Sugarloaf Regional Trails

Oral Informants  
Joshua Hamilton  
Evelyn Harper  
Joseph Harper  
Howard Lyles  
Ora Lyles  
Charles Moore  
Margaret Moore  
William Moore  
Isabel Owens  
George Robinson  
Francis Thompson

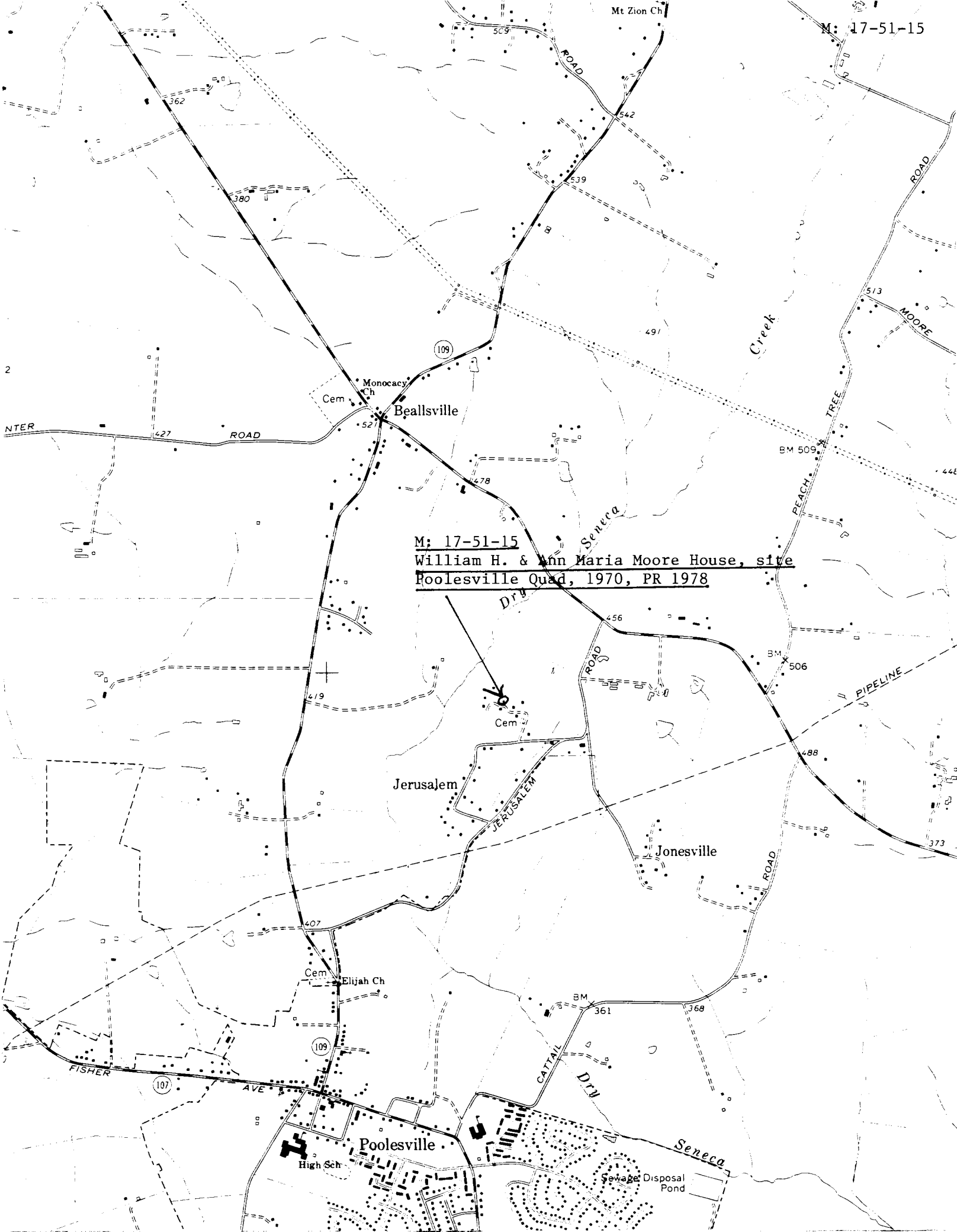


CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
LODGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
HAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
THICKET	
WELL	
SPRING	
STREAM	
POND	
PARCEL BOUNDARY	
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	
FENCE	
DIRT ROAD	
LANE	
PATH	
STREAM FLOW	

DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE  
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

Key

1. WILLIAM ROBINSON ESTD. 3.22 AC.
2. SARAH JOHNSON ESTD. 2.00 AC.
3. MILTON HARPER ESTD. 1.00 AC.
4. WILLIAM LYLES ESTD. 2.00 AC.
5. SUSAN PROCTOR ESTD. 1.00 AC.
6. FRANK DORSEY ESTD. 2.90 AC.
7. GEORGE DORSEY ESTD. 4.75 AC.
- 8a. 1st CLARKE HOME (log) 4.40 AC.
- b. 2nd CLARKE HOME (frame)
9. JERUSALEM PARSONAGE 1.50 AC.
10. JERUSALEM CHURCH 0.50 AC.
11. WILLIAM DORSEY ESTD. 2.00 AC.
12. JAMES DORSEY ESTD. 3.00 AC.
- 13a. WILLIAM MOORE ESTD. 7.00 AC.
- b. HARTLEY MOORE ESTD.
14. DAVID COPELAND ESTD. 2.00 AC.
15. ROBERT WILLIAMS ESTD. 3.75 AC.
16. WALLACE HAMILTON ESTD. 2.50 AC.
17. DENNIS HAMILTON ESTD. 9.66 AC.
18. CHARLES McPHERSON ESTD. 11.00 AC.
19. LIZZIE GRIMES ESTD. 4.00 AC.
20. GEORGE LYLES ESTD. 3.00 AC.
21. JOHN HARPER ESTD. 1.00 AC.
22. JOHN HALLMAN ESTD. 10.00 AC.



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William H. & Ann Maria Moore House, site  
Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978





Copy of Photograph of S. length  
William Moore House

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Jerusalem

10/78

Ann Lewis



Daughter & Foster Son of William Moore  
(grandson of William Moore of Jerusalem)

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Jerusalem

~~for~~ Anne Lewis, photographer



~~Charles~~ William Moore (grandson of William H.  
at Hamilton House Moore)

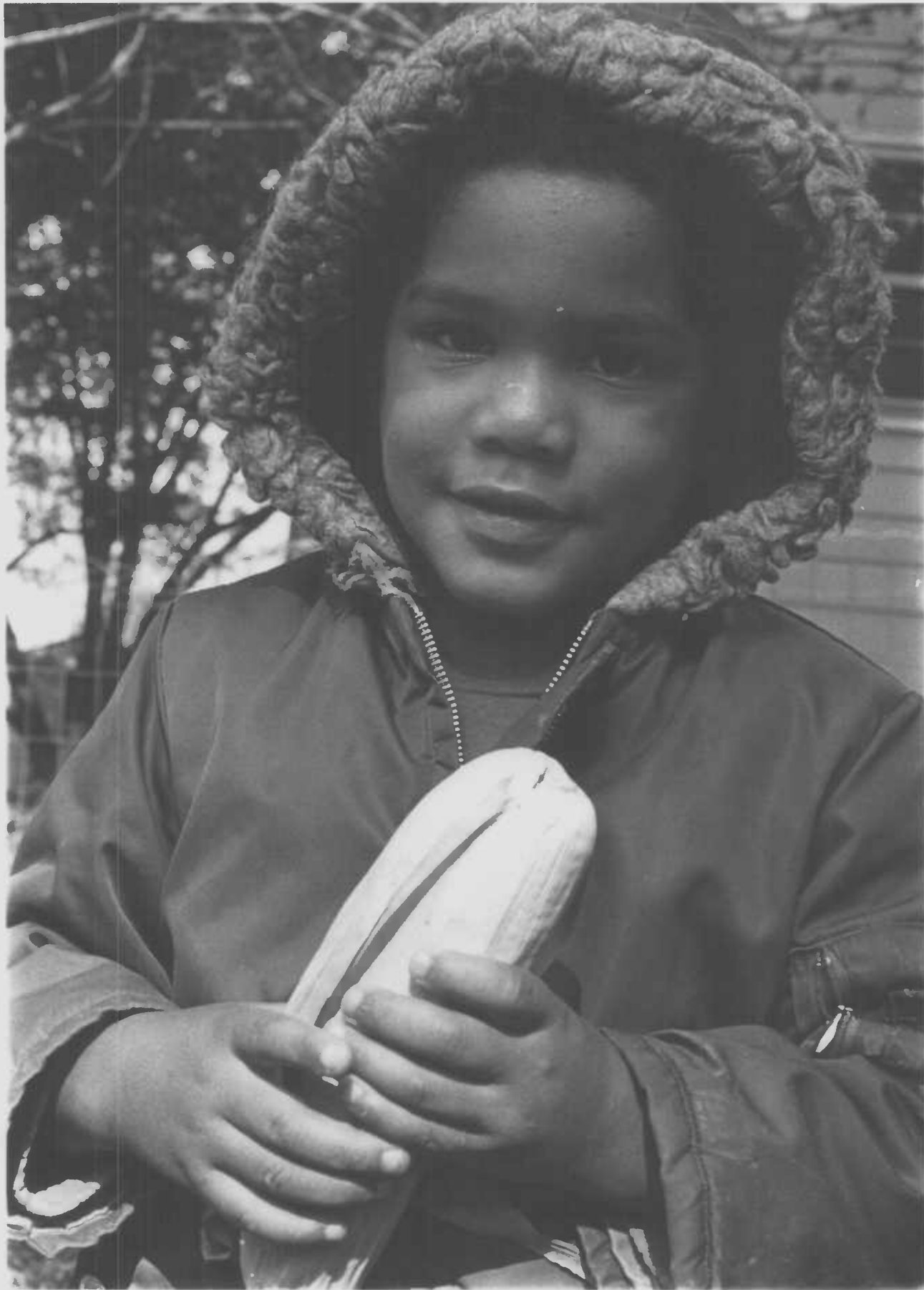
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Jerusalem community,

Poolesville vicinity

Photograph: GWM

Roll-1 # 31



Foster son of Wm Moore (grandson of William Moore)

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~~from~~

Anne Lewis, photographer